

ARTICLE 7 FEEDBACK SURVEY - RESULTS

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REGARDING ARTICLE 7 FOR THE NORTH HAMPTON TOWN CAMPUS, I VOTED:

YES - for the Town Campus	140 out of 247
NO - against the Town Campus	97 out of 247
Did Not Vote in the Election	10 out of 247

IF YOU WERE IN FAVOR OF THE TOWN CAMPUS, PLEASE TELL US WHY.

143 responses. Residents could select more than one option and provide additional comments.

Our facilities are out-dated.	91 votes
Our facilities are non-compliant with Safety, ADA and Equality Issues.	85 votes
I want a new library for our town.	90 votes
Our police and fire personnel need a more modern facility.	78 votes

Other Comments:

- Current layout is unsafe - police and fire need to be off to the side so the public areas adjoin. Need to have some green space.
- Functional, attractive town campus asset to residents
- Have all offices in one place
- I am NOT in favor
- I think the money is better spent building new facilities rather than just patching up the old ones and then in a couple years, going through this whole new building process all over again. Fixing what we have is simply like putting lipstick on a pig.
- In the long run, I feel it is cheaper to build new than keep repairing the old.
- It is less costly to take care of it now than later.
- It made good financial sense at this time and addressed a number of issues; continuing to spend money to maintain what we have doesn't make sense
- It's the responsible thing to do.
- Mortgage rates are low now
- Save \$ in the long run
- To move on...
- Town campus would be the heart of the town
- Unsure about the campus, but in favor of new library
- Lower cost than ongoing repairs and maintenance
- Our police and fire personnel need a more modern facility., the female fire fighters and cops should sue the town for being treated like second class citizens by the voters.

IF YOU WERE AGAINST THE TOWN CAMPUS, PLEASE TELL US WHY.

110 responses. Residents could select more than one option and provide additional comments.

I disagreed with the design of the town campus.	38 votes
I feel that we should remodel instead of build new.	29 votes
I disagreed with the location/layout of the campus.	32 votes
I thought the plan was too expensive.	64 votes
I didn't feel the plan was complete.	10 votes
I didn't feel that all options were considered.	44 votes

Other Comments:

- 30-year bond is bad idea for any town in NH given the tax structure. The NHS reno was only for seven.
- Contrary to small town atmosphere
- Don't need a Fire Complex

- I do not think we need one
- I would have liked the option of voting for a new library separately. I think that the library location, size and design were not prominent enough as compared to the other buildings.
- I voted for the plan, but it was a "plug your nose and vote YES sort of thing, and ONLY because it thought it would be cheapest to fund it now.
- If we cannot afford to fix south road between rte 95 and Exeter Rd, then how can we afford to build a new campus???
- Library was too expensive and unnecessary
- Library can remodel
- Library is old concept. Internet has everything.
- Most of the issues that were presented for the reasoning why we needed a new Campuses was due to Storage space which is a fixable problem and Lack of maintenance and keeping up with
- Not necessary
- Our small town does not need a ridiculous campus.
- Poor timing in a financially unstable political environment
- Public safety only.
- Public safety and Town Offices would be great, but no Library
- There were too many upgrades already done to town offices that we spent monies on that were to be done again.
- We also DO NOT need a fire department or a new library! Exclude the fire department bays & library from the design and more folks will vote for it.
- We don't need such a big library, and the existing fire station is not that old.
- WE WERE LIED TO ABOUT THE ADA REQUIREMENTS (2)

IF YOU WERE AGAINST THE TOWN CAMPUS ARE YOU STILL IN FAVOR OF A NEW LIBRARY?

129 responses. Residents could select more than one option and provide additional comments.

Yes, I am still in favor of a new town library but the plan needs to be revised.	50 votes
Yes, I am still in favor of a new town library but the proposed location of the library needs to change.	22 votes
Yes I am in favor	2 votes
Yes, I am still in favor of a new town library but the library should not be connected to the Town Admin building.	30 votes
No, I am not in favor of a new library.	43 votes

Other Comments:

- Add an extension/remodel
- Add on remodel
- No - Build off the existing building and be a standalone building check out other town libraries lots of under used square footage to make viable you need to consider square footage like square footage like a retail space just cause you want the space can you justify having the space prove a real need for the space not just we can have meeting here or the seniors need a spot prove what you are doing and 2 or 3 years down the road maybe you will get some funds maybe but right now you have not shown why you need a building wishing and wanting do not work any more proof does prove your case
- No - Don't need a fire department either!
- I AM IN FAVOR A NEW, MONITORED MEDIA CENTER - THE TERM LIBRARY IS OUTDATED. WE NEED TO THINK FUTURISTIC IF WE ARE GOING SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.
- I would be if favor of a new library if you added the school library and town library together.
- Yes in favor of the new library - unsure about being connected
- Library should be a priority and attacked separately from any other wasteful dreams.

- Maybe location needs to change, probably not be connected to town buildings, as I won't support need admin, police or fire buildings.
- New library on homestead land
- No- Obvious slant for the library in this survey. What a coincidence, a new selectman with his own agenda meeting town residents at the library. So obvious where this is going!!
- Not sure if the after "the Plan" in the first option means the campus plan or the plan for just the library. I am neither for nor against a new Library, however it MUST be considered in context with the plan for the entire site.
- No- I think the towns should combine and have a regional library.
- No-, especially since the library trustees and one selectman is trying to take the credit for this survey. Don't the selectmen want our input too?
- Renovate current
- Yes - Should be connected to use most of common space...library use is minimal and shouldn't have its own building
- Yes - The economics of the plan depends on whether or not it should be connected to the admin building. We are in the programming and construction business and administer and oversee design, budget, and are on site to watch construction to make sure it adheres to plans and specs....so we look at things from a different viewpoint.
- Yes – new library on homestead land
- Yes – The library should be built on the Homestead Property
- Yes - because I think that a library is a very valuable asset that is a valuable investment in a community. With additional monies I would like to see the town invest in other infrastructure like fios, a sewer system for the business district.
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- Yes & I think the library should have its own bathrooms, not just share those with the town office.

IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF A NEW LIBRARY, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEW LIBRARY'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

181 responses. Residents could also provide additional comments.

Yes, I would support the new Library's Capital Campaign.	124 votes
No, I would not support the new Library's Capital Campaign.	39 votes

Other Comments:

- Already have.
- Having enough trouble trying to pay the outrageous property taxes at this time
- I can't.
- I support the library but cannot afford to contribute to the campaign.
- I will help raise money
- I would not feel comfortable until I knew and agreed with the plan/scale of the project.
- I would support it if I liked the final proposed plan
- I WOULD SUPPORT A NEW MEDIA CENTER WHICH COULD EASILY BE HOUSED IN THE CURRENT FACILITY.
- I'd contribute but it'd be the same \$\$ I give to the library each year - \$25.
- It would depend on the time of the year
- Maybe depending on finances at the time
- Maybe if the town campus comes up for vote again
- No but one of the select man would

- Interesting. Survey on the town website but the library trustees want out feedback? Campaign was much more collaborative last year.
- No, not in the current plan
- Not sure at this time limited funds
- Possibly
- No, Prove your case
- Uncertain
- Wish I could.
- Yes if (school /town) library's were together

DID YOU ATTEND ONE OF THE TOWN COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON THE TOWN CAMPUS?

223 responses. Residents could provide additional comments.

Yes.	124 responses
No.	91 responses

Other Comments:

- A relative attended and filled me in.
- Attended a number of meetings and watched on CCTV
- Did not like aggressive PR/marketing push by town officials. People were left feeling belittled by Mill Road cabal for speaking their minds.
- Did you attend one of the town community meetings on the Town Campus?
- I attended a meeting at the school (2 comments)
- Met with the Library Trustees
- Not living in the area during the winter
- No. But I thoroughly read on it
- More than one.

DID YOU ATTEND OR PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THE TOWN CHARRETTE IN JUNE 2013?

221 responses. Residents could provide additional comments.

Yes.	84 responded YES
No.	128 responded NO

Other Comments:

- After all the money we spent on the charette shouldn't we adhere to it now?
- Away
- Didn't know about it
- Following the charrette
- I was there and the charette was a great idea. One neighborhood and one new seletman ruined months of work by dedicated staff
- Not able to attend, but spoke with attendees.
- Too many plants in the audience.
- Was out of town
- We actually run charrettes as part of our business and have run many charrettes for years as members of Plan NH, however, we had long term plans for that weekend and were out of town.

DID YOU ATTEND THE TOWN DELIBERATIVE SESSION BEFORE THE ELECTION?

220 responses. Residents could provide additional comments.

Yes.	87 voted YES.
No.	127 voted NO.

Other Comments:

- A relative attended and filled me in.
- Read the summary
- Video
- Snowbirds
- Watched online.
- Watched on TV

I FELT I HAD ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION ON ARTICLE 7.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.395
Number of Respondents	226 responses

I FELT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION ON THE TOWN CAMPUS, WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?

Initially supported idea, but way over promoted. Press banter/zealotry too negative and unbecoming of Selectman. They were architects of the complex's destruction.
I thought the campaign was very well run. If you wanted information there was ample. Those who claim there was not, will never think there is enough. Very well done.
Explore different options
Transparency and complete information around why other locations were not considered viable options.
better drawings and visual concepts
more detail and explanation about the public safety complex and why we would want or need such a large facility on such a relatively small piece of land."
I would have liked the option of just supporting the library. I also would like to know exactly how much each option would add to the tax bill.
I felt as if the library project was included in the whole project and yet they had to raise 50% of the funds- I couldn't understand how this would work- if they didn't raise the funds then what? the project would be done without them? It felt as if the police/fire was huge and 100% funded and too much visually etc... I just want a new library and new police and fire but within reason- they have to be in scale of one another- a balance-we are a small town- once rural and agricultural-quickly becoming filled with housing developments with huge cookie cutter homes- small coastal new england town- let's not get carried away- the scale of the project needs to match the location and needs- let's celebrate our unique environment and history- we need vision that is based in knowledge of place- not bigger is better
"Every citizens in town agrees that the town's infrastructure is outdated and this issue must be addressed. However, 50% of voters have voted NO to Article 7 on 03/11/14; this clearly means that the new complex solution is presently not the acceptable solution to the community.
Therefore, the Select Board needs to pause with this new complex solution, and allows newly elected selectman Rick Stanton who won his seat based on his opposition to Article 7 to explore the ""alternative"" , more affordable solution, and present his findings to the community. This will provide the citizens of North Hampton with at least 2 options in solving the issue of outdated town infrastructure."
I believe the Town should consider modifications to the existing buildings over time, rather than demolition and new construction. I find it difficult to believe that the cost of razing and building a new center is less costly than maintaining and slightly expanding what already exists. This is a small town, and the financial burden of the proposed new Town Campus on each individual tax payer is significant. Our taxes are already quite high, given the limited services we receive in return.
Would have been better to have more details about the funding.
"this was too big a project. Why not build a second new fire station in another part of town. School wants to be bigger,why not connect library to school.

With all the new computer informations systems avail, Why do we need a bigger building?
Why do we have to tear everything down?
no plan B, like the plan by the three architects we paid for over the last 12 years. It was [REDACTED] plan or the highway
THE ADVISORY BOARD LIED TO THE N.H. TOWNSPEOPLE. THE ADA REQUIREMENTS TO RENOVATE WERE MISREPRESENTED. WHETHER IT WAS THE ADVISORY BOARD OR THE HIRED EXPLORATORY FIRM, WE WERE LIED TO. I BELIEVE OUR LIBRARY NEEDS TO BE UPDATED TO TAKE OUR TOWN AND IT'S CITIZENS (ESPECIALLY CHILDREN) INTO THE FUTURE. CREATING A MEDIA CENTER WHERE ELECTRONIC BOOKS CAN BE CHECKED OUT, THE ABILITY TO BORROW KNOOKS, KINDLES, IPADS, WOULD BE HUGE AND TO HAVE COMPUTERS WITH THE ABILITY TO ACCESS THE INTERENT, AND HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY FOR THE TOWN IS WHERE WE WANT TO BE. TO BUILD A LIBRARY TO ADD MORE ANTIQUATED BOOKS IS NOT FISCALLY PRUDENT. I AM SO GLAD THAT THE TOWN FINALLY GOT SMART AND VOTED OUT THE SAME OLD PEOPLE. HOPEFULLY THE NEWLY ELECTED BOARD WILL HAVE A CLUE!!!! IF MY TAXES ARE GOING TO BE INCREASED, OR IF I AM BEING ASKED TO CONTRIBUTED TO A CAPITAL FUND. IT MUST BE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND IT SHOULD BE FOR A PROJECT THAT IS NOT OUTDATED BEFORE IT'S BUILT.
I was unable to attend the meetings because of unavoidable prior committments. I would have liked to see more information on the internet.
Some information was incorrect. Fixing the roofs, replacing the boilers and windows would not have required ADA compliance as the Town's presentation led us to believe.
The scale, above, is confusing. I almost chose 9, expecting "strongly agree" to be on the right. Negative is usually on the left and positive on the right.
"I would like to have seen interior plans to understand how the space would be utilized, how much would be utilized immediately- how many days of the week, how many hours; and how much space will be used intermittently.
Has income potential been explored."
There was plenty of opportunity to get more information, but I was unable to take advantage of it at the time. It was my fault I didn't have enough information -- not the town's.
There was plenty of information just not enough options.
There was sufficient information to make an informed decision.
There was NOT a lack of info. However, you looked at and tried to sell the campus from a project base standpoint instead of a saleable economic standpoint. Need to look at constructability issues to bring the number to a saleable number. Police and Fire have specific issues that need to be addressed and the Library should be deemed less important than Police and Fire. The idea is to get the ball rolling on the Campus and Library should be dealt with as a separate function with additional alternative funding . For example, it was reported that the existing Library was put on the National Historic Register. Historical tax credits are available for the renovation of Library that would offset the tax burden. In my business, I deal with identifying those possible alternative funding options, depending on the type of project, with and without Historical connection.
The one thing that could have been explained better was why the fire department and police had to be in the town complex area. The explanation that was given was that route one would make for longer response times, but there was not much data given. If that portion of the complex could be somewhere else would that help the townspeople approve a plan?
it was a one sided information session
T architectural style of the proposed campus should be made an approval issue.
There was enough information available, unfortunately some people don't take the time to look at that information or they listen to opinions of others who are sometimes correct, sometimes incorrect, or sometimes bias toward either side.
I think the multiple information sessions were ample opportunity to inform North Hampton voters of the plan.
Plenty of information.
Put to a vote by the towns people before spending all the money on design plans and surveys
Be honest about the impact on taxes. comparing nominal costs of annual improvements over thirty years to current dollars for the new complex was disingenuous.
In hind site I think the voters just needed to be convinced that all options had been looked at renovation versus new and I think people needed more time to digest it. The campaign of mailings was overdone and put out by someone who had negative public opinion. It hurt the campaign and the town campus.
I would have liked to have seen much more information about alternative locations. In fact, from all the information I read I dont recall alternate locations being addressed. Also, I felt that while the present and future tax implications of

the BUILDING were well addressed, what was not well addressed were the OTHER expenses which would surely be incurred as a result of having a fancy new modern facility - example, such as the attraction of more qualified personnel, who would be demanding higher salaries etc., energy costs
██████ has never deserved or needed a campus ██████ can not buy his wife an event center at the beach.....I hope
I have never seen an idea develop a life of its own as fast as this one did!!! Many felt it was rammed down the throat of the voters and any unsupportive thoughts/ideas were 'likened' to not being patriotic or worse!!! Many folks have lived with North Hampton always comparing itself to Rye... I don't see the likes of a \$6+ million 'Town Campus' in their town when they decided to update their facilities~ I always felt this whole design/concept was much more concerned with the facade and trying to emulate Brookline or Weston MA!!!
There was enough information on the "Town Campus"! What there was not enough information on was viable alternatives! The way the concept evolved from an architect's concept for just the library to a sweeping change to include the library, police, fire and Town Admin functions was just too much. I do not see an urgent need to have a "campus complex". I agree there are functional deficiencies and code inadequacies in all areas that should be addressed; however, tearing-down and building all new is without a doubt the most expensive (despite what the town officials continuously told us). I do not believe that there was an equivalent alternative plan considering remodeling-additions...only "guesstimates" from a questionable previous study that was never completely developed to a comparable extent. From a career in engineering/construction, I know that most architects are not the best resource to use when considering remodeling/rebuilding. They work effectively with a "clean sheet of paper" on which they can create a new concept. In that regard they are more like artists than engineers...most could not actually do the calculations needed for the design of the integral structures behind their concepts. Designing small additions, re-plumbing, re-purposing and remodeling existing structures is not what they do best. A capable structural engineering company could do all of the desired design and make them blend-in architecturally with the existing buildings for far less money. In the architect's defense, I doubt that he was charged with the task of coming-up with workable changes in each of the four areas to meet the basic needs. But rather the priority was for him to develop an unnecessary "Town Campus" concept.
I think that efforts to work toward regionalization of FD & PD services MUST be taken, and must be taken NOW. Therefore these proposed buildings are premature. I know that it was said that regionalization is not going to happen any time soon, but I don't seen any of our elected officials making any effort to to make it happen, so I will likely continue to vote against any municipal campus plan untills someone has something sensible to say about regionalization. Also, I think the Library should be located on the old Homestead property to buffer the neighbors from incompatible development.
There was not a clear \$ breakdown of a renovation/addition option for the buildings and why building new was more cost effective.
You started your campaign too late. It was very ambitious. It was too expensive.....it seems we just renovated for the Admin offices. We don't need a "Mercedes" for our police and fire.....think "chevy".
Start earlier.....find venues where you can reach senior citizens (fixed income folks) and the average "Joe"
I feel strongly that the town should look for ways to save the taxpayers money.
Although I voted for the town complex, I still have reservations. First the Charrette plan showed was suspiciously close to a previous plan attributed to the selectboard. Also, I feel the library should be located on the Homestead property - as was the understanding when we voted \$500,000.
At the same time, I am very aware of the extraordinary amount of time/work expended by the selectboard and library trustees in advance of the vote. No one can say he/she did not have many opportunities to be fully informed.
There should have been options for parts or different types of models. Not enough input from town employees that actually use facilities. I heard that more than anything.
I felt it was very one sided and to much "if we don't do this then this will happen." Fear selling rather than relationship selling.

I FELT THERE WAS ENOUGH INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY ON THE DESIGN OF THE TOWN CAMPUS.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	3.867
Number of Respondents	211 responses

IF YOU FELT THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE TOWN CAMPUS, WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?

libraries are becoming something of the past. I could not tell you the last time I or a member of my family has used the town library. Why does the new one need to be so large?
Don't have bullies run the show.
I don't know - I don't recall lots of opportunity to weigh in on what it should look like, but that's ok... not my job.
It seems to me that the Select Board already had a plan in mind befriend the charette. I believe they had a contractor and had worked to have the design go their way.
that's a hard question...most citizens in this community don't pay attention to these votes, whether it be school or town related. there was plenty of info out there...you just need to be active and interested!
"The campus design was distributed BEFORE the Charette. This was a total waste of a lot of people's time and energy and not a honest interaction nor representation of what the people want.
It is wrong to put the large, 2-story fire/police complex so close to the neighborhood and right up against Atlantic Avenue. The library should be in this space. It fits the neighborhood and makes the statement that the library is the center and focal point of the complex. Having the library hidden in the middle with the entrance on the back is a terrible representation of the library."
Once the cost per square foot was decided and an estimate of 30,000 SF to be built there should have been a chance to get public input and change the plan due to cost.
wish I knew . . . earlier PR? several alternative "designs" with which staff & trustees could live with?
more workshops on the design open to public
Hire a city planner and not rely on a cheaper, volunteer effort that raised more questions than it answered. (charette) There was talk already in town that fire and police had appropriated the vacant lot/ "homestead" property before the charette plan was ever presented to tax payers. Why was the March 2013 CIP plan so quickly discarded? I don't think the town-owned acreage available on Atlantic Avenue is enough to handle a "town campus" nor does it seem the only alternative. I don't feel this plan was fully baked or had the time to consider and plan what the project would actually look like or cost. Lumping the two building projects of library and public safety don't belong. each should be a separate venture and not be dependent upon the other for space or financing.
There should have been a series of votes allowing voters to choose different options- voting for or against some or all of the buildings.
Plan was too expensive.... we need the library.. the rest was pie in the sky dreaming
The tax impact was too great
I feel that there was a lot of input, but much of it was ignored by certain parties with an agenda they were unwilling to compromise on.
if you drive around the area you see diffrent new bulidings for police fire libiary look at them they are nice yes but way over kill design it right use the square footage right
There was sufficient input and information, but the majority voted that the costs do not outweigh the gains.
Have no idea how much input came from the community on the actual design. I know there was input, but was any of it put into the design? Most argument I heard against was that it was NOT New England. Portsmouth has a incredible, new Library. It's just a stone(brick?) modern (not ULTRA modern) bldg in my opinion. There are enough "olde" bldgs in No.H. to keep the New England look for decades. I thought the new design was fine. Didn't hear about siding or what would be on the outside. Probably forgot what if anything was said. New houses being built can be modern (I presume) on the outside if the owners want it that way. Thought not in keeping with "New England" design wasn't valid in this day and age of building. Sad. We've got to do something!!
didn't know there was any planning until I saw the new idea.
community input was ignored by [REDACTED] and Board
I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS ENOUGH COMMUNITY INPUT. I GAVE INPUT INTO THE PROJECT BUT FELT THAT MY INPUT WAS DISREGARDED. THE BOARD WAS IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT AND PUSHED THE TOWN TO PASS IT. THANK THE LORD THAT IT DID NOT GET ENOUGH VOTES.
I would have liked more information on the internet and then would have liked to be able to give feedback on a survey.
I believe the town officials had made up their minds regarding the campus before presented to the town people. In fact prior to being presented at the charette.
Don't make threatening comments to the community and mislead us. The town campus was way too much money. Don't use scare tactics like "old furnace" . Get a new furnace -- you don't need a new fire station or police station.

Before spending all this money on a new town campus, the town should investigate if we even need a fire department. Many folks don't even believe we need a fire department so that is why they voted against the new campus. The new campus included the fire department so it would make it harder to get rid of the fire department if we built them a new home. The town should investigate/justify the usefulness of the fire department first before we go ahead with a new campus.
There was enough community input - the select board should have paid attention to it earlier.
You did all the right things to get the word out.
I believe every opportunity was made to reach out to the community and some people were not paying attention until late in the game, which may have made it seem as if the select board was trying to push something through. A decision had to be made to take a plan forward. I do believe that the select board members really pushing the effort, as well as endorsing candidates, made it more a more political decision for some people. Maybe citizen's groups could support ideas and elected officials can state their opinions, but leave the campaigning to others.
The tail is wagging the dog. Too much power and influence given to town admin, police and fire personnel. Any new buildings should reflect community services and needs - a library is the lifeblood and soul of a community. Police, fire and admin space should be safe, secure and adequate, but not front and center. Look at the successful communities around the country. Their libraries are special celebrated statements. Look at the Carnegie Library programs in the early 1900's. They were (and in many cases still are) special buildings occupying a special place in the heart of a community.
It seemed that the decisions on the Town Campus were done without consideration from the town, instead there seemed to be an idea already in place before public input was an option. The all or nothing option was a poor choice.
I felt there was input given, but that it was either not in line with the plan or it was simply dismissed. This will likely be the largest project our town takes on, it needs to be thoughtful rather than a rushed sales job with 50 FAQs and offers of select board members to donate to the library fund...IF the article passes. There are more options worth exploring that may satisfy the 60% hurdle.
T architectural style of the proposed campus should be made an approval issue.
Perform a survey where every tax payer can vote once about a menu of viable options. Once the data is compiled, the Town Complex would model the wishes of the majority. For example, we do not need a new fire complex because our town does not even need a fire department.
Charette was a farce! Undeniably predetermine outcome. [REDACTED] and facilitator's had stacked the deck for a new Safety Complex on Homestead Property. Safety issues with kids walking in front of Fire/Police station was a straw dog from the beginning. Lame excuse to spend 6-7 million dollars. Haven't heard of a single accident in all these years.
The input wasn't listened to. It was half listened to or not at all. The residence behind the complex didn't like (and neither do I) that the police were entering and exiting in a neighborhood. It would make more sense for the police and fire to be on route 1. Show the town that you actually have looked into locations. How much revenue would actually be lost and don't inflate the answers. When it comes down to it, I didn't believe any of the people that were answering questions. It seems like they were all in it for themselves.
I think the public safety building belongs on Rt. 1. I felt that the charette was a charade, the decision had already been made about the design of the town campus before the charette ended.
Nice job by [REDACTED] Excellent presentations and very informative. If you don't think so then pay attention to what is going on in town!
Let the people decide not the select board they have too much power
It is important to have numbers on the renovation and the cost of temporarily moving offices as compared to new. The numbers should tell it all.
Never started until [REDACTED] was out of office
The basic concept was clearly already decided and any input could only deal with that premise.
The whole approach did not consider alternatives from the beginning. There were dozens of meetings from the Charette up to just before voting...but the promoters and town officials were not interested in "getting input", rather they were more interested in "selling" their idea to the public. I resented the whole "hard-sell" campaign. The fact is that basic concept presented at the Charette did not change all that much despite its purpose of being "billed" as information gathering. It was just the kick-off of a campaign to sell "here's what we want to do."
I also think the way the architect/contractor team "evolved" into a position of doing the work needs to be re-considered by the Selectmen. At best it was very naïve and irregular from a course of normal business. The process precluded getting truly competitive bids. In my experience allowing your concept designer/estimator to bid on a project discourages other qualified contractors from submitting meaningful proposals. In this economy, requests could have gone out to ten or more other contractors and no less than 5-6 good independent proposals evaluated. The Town's estimator should not have been allowed to bid.
The fact that Town Officials did not consider the need for (and budget) our own clerk-of-the-works was disturbing.

Who would watch the contractor on the Town's behalf? I believe the Building Inspector should play this or a major role...if not a key player in this largest project in town history...when? The relations with the architect/contractor seemed too cozy and un-businesslike. I do not suggest impropriety...only naivete. Be chummy after a job is successfully complete, but keep arms-length before and during.
You should have held more than one charette, and/or filmed it, and put it on the Town Streaming website.
The Charette process was a farse. Although I agree with the Charette concept, and attended - I felt the proceedings that followed did not listen to what the actual Charette (community) wanted. I felt that the town departments (Fire/Police/Town Adminstrator/Select Board) steered the process to a different outcome - Result = ARTICLE 7!
People who spoke against it were ignored or made to appear wrong.
The plan should not have been non-negotiable, all or nothing. Renovation options and layout were set by the Select Board and not up for revision
Think smaller.....you can schedule all the public meetings you want....but lets face it people aren't going to attend. You need to go back to the community with a smaller, less expensive plan.
They won't come to you.....you have to go to them....that's today's reality
The survey would have been a start... cost is a big part of this. Costs are going up and pay checks going down. Our taxes are high enough for what we get...
I felt the charette was fine, but the "closed" session afterward with TA,FD,PD, & BOS, derailed the process, and corrupted the outcome.
I also felt to much input from people that don't understand building codes/usage. To much input from people that don't understand the services in town. Town does a poor job of explaining work performed, completed and necessities of departments. Functionality of buildings. Also elected or appointed officials putting in their two cents about operations for which they know little about.
More ideas and other options on coming up with the money. A more staged plan.
I felt decisions were made prior to Charrette as to location of Police/Fire. A few were making decisions no matter other questions that were asked or concerns raised.

I FELT I UNDERSTOOD THE CHALLENGES FACING THE POLICE WITH THEIR CURRENT BUILDING.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.8164
Number of Respondents	220 responses

I FELT I UNDERSTOOD THE CHALLENGES FACING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH THEIR CURRENT BUILDING.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.864
Number of Respondents	224 responses

I FELT I UNDERSTOOD THE CHALLENGES FACING THE LIBRARY WITH THEIR CURRENT BUILDING.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.6244
Number of Respondents	224 responses

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES FACING THE CURRENT BUILDINGS, WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?

" why does the library need to be so large with so many rooms. when is the last time a bunch of teens hung out there
" read the materials that were mailed every day for a good week.
sorry, again those that say there wasn't enough information weren't paying attention - there was ample opportunity to learn :)"
Have a longer time period to explore all options
There was never any real discussion of an addition to the Library.
I wish I knew

I could have read more about it. I knew I was voting for it so I didn't research as much as I could.
my thoughts are written above- I want a new library, but not with a huge, overbearing police/fire -
Priorities are: police; fire; library.
i would like a new vehicle at work why its not new boss said no you need to show me more profit in other words more productivity show me more efficiency what will i get as a taxpayer for a new building show me that not just in dollars and cents from the people that work there what did i gain from a new highway building nothing waste of my tax money show us what we get. make us the tax payers say we can not do without this you have to come in with a plan that going to blow us away something that is going to say bang for your buck how are these buildings going to make this town a better place to live how are these buildings going to be staffed with a higher caliber employee how are these buildings going to make people want to live and work in North Hampton when you do that you will get a new town complex
We'd all like a new " home" , but reality is that given financial constraints, most of us learn to live with what we have.
A design that made better sense
I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES. WE ARE LIVING IN CHALLENGING TIMES. THERE IS NO NEED TO BUILD A SEPARATE BATHROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN. AS LONG AS THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE USING THE BATHROOM ARE RESPECTFUL AND CLEAN, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. YOU CAN PURCHASE A TOILET SEAT THAT CLOSES ITSELF, IF THE MEN FORGET. IF YOU HAVE MEN THAT PISS ALL OVER THE SEAT, THEN THE CAPTAIN NEEDS TO HAVE THE MEN CLEAN IT!
" was there an opportunity for a reputable rehaber/architect who supported the viability of a partial rehab/partial new build?
Is there any way to do the job cheaper?
Is the expenditure appropriate for the population size of No Hampton"
In the presentations some of the defects shown were minor - could have been repaired. Emphasizing limited life of structures built reflected poorly on town planning. Not enough concrete information on why police/fire facilities could not be on Route 1 - does need for new " business" supersede other considerations? This would allow for a smaller campus in the present location, which is primarily residential.
The town and supporters did a good job of educating the public. Not much else could be done differently.
Does it make sense to build a new campus that includes a new fire department building when we do not even need a fire department? NO!
Does it make sense to build a new library when that is also underutilized? Everything is now online and in digital format. Libraries are no longer as useful as they used to be in this new digital age of the world we live in."
Library should be by itself. There are a lot of children visiting and they don't need to be dodging police and fire vehicles.
I understand what they are saying, just fundamentally disagree with the premise that new, expensive facilities are needed for police, fire and admin.
How could we not recognize the need...look at the buildings...clearly there's need.
The complex was creating a lot of additional space for a town with no growth! Library is obviously cramped, but case has not been made why town hall, police, and fire need more space.
ADA compliance issues are not a reason to spend \$06-7 million.
Announcing to the world that our building is a basis for future discrimination law suits is about as dumb a legal move as anyone could imagine. Might as well hang a sign out saying come and sue us. Who thought of that strategy. Time for them to shut up!
Other than space, the library didn't make a good argument for why it needed a new building. The one we have now looks to be fine. Police and fire showed why they needed new space due to severe issues.
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Although I question we need such a large fire department, it is clear the police department needs more space and

updated facilities. If we decide as a town to keep the fire department then we will need to proceed with a combined complex for police and fire. Library can wait.
Spend the money we already have on the stone building, and build new police and fire. then town administration can take over the old police station. Will not take much to tear down the fire station because it is falling down anyway.
It looks like we can wait for the fire station to fall down, and then do something about it.
I didn't read a strong case for the fire and police department. I did read a lot of negative remarks about it, however.
1. No "Town Campus" complex 2. A renovation/repurposing/addition approach for library, police and fire dept. No complete demolition, no new structures. 3. Don't buy fire trucks that can't fit through doors! (new front can be put on building) 4. Stone Building...plans inadequately considered continued functional use of that space...not just as afterthought.
I understood/understand very well the infrastructure. I feel the library worked so hard and did everything right, but in the end the Select Board hosed them. The Select Board realized that the library had the momentum to pass a Warrant Article to build on the Homestead property. They freaked and felt the best way to proceed was to try and snowball on the momentum of the library... adding > \$5 million to the cost. SHAMEFUL!
I would like to see the plan of how the library intends to evolve over the next 25 years.
Smaller...less expensive.....you miscalculated that the town folk had recovered from the recession....well THEY HAD NOT!!! Don't think about folks in \$650,000 +++ houses think of the "average" family in town.
Tours..... and a less expensive campus.
Stop spending on repairs that don't last. Fix the problems.
Explain better renovations rather than replacement of Library. Space is only an issue if you believe they actually use all the office space and conference area all the time.
understood

I FELT I UNDERSTOOD THE FINANCING AND TAX IMPLICATIONS OF ARTICLE 7 -- IF WE BUILT NEW, REMODELED, OR DID NOTHING.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.628
Number of Respondents	224 responses

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE FINANCING AND TAX IMPLICATIONS, WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?

It would be helpful for townspeople to know exactly how much their costs would increase yearly if they voted to fund the overall project and/or just a new library. For example if the funding were approved for the whole campus what did that mean dollar wise to each town person - would we see increased property tax by how much or would the cost come to us from some other increase and how much.
for me, nothing - I didn't pay close attention to those issues because I didn't think the money was THAT much... the needs outweighed the expense for me.
I think I understood what was said but it's hard to know if that information is totally correct. Is tearing down and starting new the best solution in this case? I think probably but don't think enough people were convinced of that.
Explain it more fully
I did understand the issues but the campaign trying to trick the voters to vote for the complex because doing nothing would cost them more is complete nonsense and an insult.
Present the total cost including all interest costs with 30 year financing at the current bond rate.
N/A
the amount of the project changed each time I saw a posting about it. 6.1 million 5.9, 5.87... I don't think the library should have to raise so much money -- either. This is a recipe for failure. I think the cost of renovation should be shown in terms of the cost of each renovation and building and department.
I would have liked to have seen specifics on why doing nothing would be just as or more expensive since that is a statement that strains credulity.
I understood what was said but did not believe it. This was validated by [REDACTED]'s Hampton Union letter about his "erroneous" information about the ADA requirements.

Article 7 means " build new" . It is NOT a choice between " build new" or " remodeled" . The Select Board needs to present to the voters the other alternative solution: " remodeled" .
bring the gas line down the street to the school first before thinkig about a new town complex not after .get your utilities in place then bulid your complex natual gas there tie it all in do not put heating systems in place with out having the gas line there profane and or oil is not the way heat a new complex do it once do it right do not come back looking for more money to do it right the second time
As I said, I find it hard to believe that the cost of demolising the buildings and constructing the new campus is less than maintaining and moderately expanding what we have, even with ADA and current code requirements. I think the Town should redirect their efforts and focus in that direction.
"When PASA was presented with explanation, they were told our taxes would go up probably \$50 yearly on our houses. This was NOT true or accurate, we've now learned. I remember distinctly because a member said ""That's only \$1 a week, that's not too bad."" This wasn't honest and they certainly knew by then it would actually be (for most members) \$100 a year more on taxes. [REDACTED] was the presenter.
The fix everything in it's current place was overblown in cost and also would have been a lousy idea
I ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ADA REQUIREMENTS WERE OVER STATED AND THAT THE TOWNSPEOPLE OF NORTH HAMPTON WERE DECEIVED ABOUT THOSE REQUIREMENTS. YOU CAN DO ROOF REPAIRS WITHOUT HAVING TO RENOVATE THE BATHROOM. IT IS DIFFICULT TO TRUST THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FROM A BOARD WHO IS NOT HONEST AND ONLY HOLD THEIR POSITIONS FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL GAIN AND INTEREST.
The incorrect information noted above misled me and others about the implications of taking a more gradual approach to dealing with the facilities problems the Town faces.
I did not understand the statement that it was more expensive to do nothing than to spend this amount of money right now.
I understand the implications, but found the central thrust of the yes campaign, that doing nothing would be more expensive than building a large new campus to be laughable and false.
I felt that I understood, but I don't think a large portion of the no votes understood why we needed to build a new campus vs. remodelling. Need to better explain how remodelling is throwing good money away due to the poor return on the investment.
Need to find ways to cut costs elsewhere if want to spend more on renovating or building new. Taxes already too high! [REDACTED] argument that we can not afford to acquire other property for Safety Complex is bogus. He has spent years taking valuable land off the tax roles buy using tax money to buy private property for conservation land.
Cost was a big factor! Find way to work within existing tax revenues. Do NOT raise rates. Library is funding half of its costs. Why not Police and Fire. They have strong supporters and unions, let them step up and put their money where there mouth is. Tired of the non-taxpayers voting for tax increases on those of us who pay.
Find ways to fund these projects within the current Town budget.
I wasn't crazy about the interest costs, but the rates are low and this was the year to do it.
lay it out honestly and truthfully.
I understand the tax implications of spending \$6.2 million!
I did not have the remodel/addition part.
remodeling and the costs were not clearly defined.
Come on boys.....understand: TOO EXPENSIVE!!
Again survey...
more stage planning and more money in the bank prior to construction.

I FELT THE WORDING ON THE BALLOT FOR ARTICLE 7 WAS CLEAR AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

Strongly Agree 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Strongly Disagree

Average Score	2.506
Number of Respondents	218 responses

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE DIFFERENTLY, IF ANYTHING FOR NEXT'S YEAR'S ELECTION?

I am a finance person by profession so the \$'s etc. associated with Article 7 were easy for me to understand and the best solution was pretty clear to me. Not sure how to accomplish this, but educating the general public to a great extent on the \$ impact of not passing this article and reinforcing this issue over and over until the next election might

be helpful.
Citizens only want the library.
Put info in readily digestible format i.e. Fact sheets for each building: needs and how addressed by new or renovated (Town Offices) building Fact sheet for financing Fact sheet for architect plans addressing overall plan - buildings, landscaping, parking, driveways Fact sheet for potential rail trail, road improvements, changes impacting vehicular traffic of everyone and neighborhood Fact sheets should be online at Town and Library websites and available in printed format, and mailed. The drawings did not do justice to the plan. Without spending big bucks for a model, something more real-looking needed. Might have helped if samples of the siding, foundation, etc were on display. What's in it for me question needs to be answered, addressing all age groups
Put the Library on the Homestead property with a separate Warrant article. If it fails, then come up with a different plan. If it passes then relocate or renovate the Safety Complex.
Get more P.R.out. Focus on what will happen to Library services if not approved; then discuss WHY the new building is necessary - what new services (needs) will be facilitated, etc. Probably a 3 to 4 month campaign conducted in newspaper and radio/TV media.
Have members of the community holding and hosting informational meetings, not the town governing bodies and reps
negotiate a price for property on route 1 for police/EMS and draw up a warrant. purchase the land -- then come up with an intelligently designed facility for each of police and fire/ems they will have room for renovation and expansion WELL into the future. build the library on vacant lot and have a town offices in the renovated police dept or renovated library with a nice green space and adequate parking and access all around.
I saw on the postings that it would cost "this much more" on our taxes per year on a house with a value of \$300,000 but it would be good to highlight what it will cost to keep the existing structures as well. As I understand it, it will still cost us to keep the existing due to the lack of energy efficient it provides. This information could be helpful in swaying more "YES" votes. Good work so far !
maybe submit library separately
Do not propose a town campus. Set a schedule for upgrading our existing facility to be done over the next 10 years. Start the process of planning a new library on its original planned location.
Highlight benefits for all residents. Compare to other towns (Rye)
show a need not a want a few years ago when the school was looking at trying to expand that's all we heard from some boards and town officials and towns people it did not pass schools are way more important than town buildings schools teach a town building does what? give some one a nice place to go to work get back to the drawing board get something sane and reasonable on paper for the right price and hire a competent GC to build it
Focus on estimates for maintaining and moderately expanding what we have- particularly the Library, as I do not believe the vast majority of people in Town even use it.
Honesty is the best policy. What are the true figures for real estate taxes increases? Address the issue of "too modern" not in keeping with New England. I'd think it would cost MORE to make design "New England". If that's true, let the voters be aware of that. We've got to change the minds of voters. All presentations/literature should be presented with that in mind. Tough thing. I don't know what the answer is. Explain how much more No.H. is getting for their project than other towns: Library only - Rye \$4 million; School only - Hampton Falls \$6.8 million, etc. Make them see it's a bargain!!!!
A new plan B with the library on the Homestead site, Library torn down and a Town Admin. Build. on that site plus a first class rehab of the fire and police bld.
IT'S NOT ABOUT THE WORDING. IT'S ABOUT THE MONEY. I CAN'T AFFORD MY TAXES GOING UP ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY. THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS HAVE HAD RENOVATIONS RECENTLY AND THE TOWN HAS NEW OFFICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR. THE LIBRARY CAN USE MAJOR UPDATING AND RENOVATIONS, BUT THE MONEY SHOULD NOT BE SPENT ON BUYING NEW BOOKS. IT SHOULD BE FOR MOVING TOWARD ELECTRONICS....
I think with more time of communicating the message to the people will help. Unfortunately many people just don't bother to keep up with town issues regardless of how much information is given to them.

Clean house more: it was clear with the new votes that we need a change in administration. Let's continue and get the "good 'ole boys" out of the town office positions and let's get new people in who actually have a vested interest in our town and not for their own political causes.
"Vote for Article 7" signs would have helped - especially to attract attention of those who do not attend meetings.
The Library Trustees MUST advertise they have X dollars of pledges to a new Library well before the election. This an absolute must. Without a strong campaign there is no point in trying.
Build one building for the library and maybe the town office and repair the police and Fire
Listen to the community, present the facts. Don't dismiss dissenters. Keep it simple, open and honest.
The architectural style of the proposed campus should be made an approval issue.
Thought the group did an outstanding job. All the extra mtgs & the Charette were great forums.
Don't have [REDACTED] act as if it is a done deal already before the election...that may turn some people off when you already seem to have a shovel in hand!
Develop alternative proposal for Library only. Proposal should allow for future connectivity of Library with Town Offices and Old Stone Building, if they should someday be approved for remodel and/or replacement.
spend less, library committee could raise all the money needed for the library include the stone building in the plan - it seemed to just be stuck on the end without a useful purpose
Maybe the complex could be done in stages not all at once.
There should have been a clearer use for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector building.
I thought the wording was fine but I had highly educated myself on the subject. That was probably not the case for most that voted on the subject. Maybe at least not the case for the no votes. It just seemed like a no brainer to me.
Don't have a plan and then ask for input. It was done backwards from the beginning. The charette was a charade.
I think a large commitment such as this article would be better as a single referendum ballot. I also feel that it was buried on the ballot and was a major reason that it did not do better.
Alternatives to Article 7. This year, there were only two alternatives....the Campus or nothing.
I thought the wording was fine but I had highly educated myself on the subject. That was probably not the case for most that voted on the subject. Maybe at least not the case for the no votes. It just seemed like a no brainer to me.
Decide on police and fire, and put that on a warrant article for next year.
Tell the new selectman he doesn't know more than the charette and the architect!!
Only a few votes short. Try again with one portion of this plan.
TAKE IT OFF THE BALLOT AND DO NOT SPEND THE MONEY MASS HOLES GO HOME
move on.
We need to get the renovation costs put together asap. Put the information out there and then leave plenty of time for discussions. From those discussions you will know what the issues brought forward are and then there is still time to resolve them before another vote. In all honesty if you can convince Rick Stanton-whose view has been conservative and wanting to look at renovations more it will hold a lot of weight with others.
I don't know what can be done. So much outreach was done, what more could be done?
The voters will speak via the pen if they've had enough~
Don't come back to the voters with the same plan re-jiggered. While the costs associated with the "Town Campus" complex are still valid, get the comparable alternative, bare-bones renovation/re-purposing/addition approach estimates for each of the structures. This was never truly explored, developed and offered as an alternative for the townspeople to consider. The emphasis for the various departments must be: "only the functional and code necessities and low costs".
Ask the voters whether they would support a new and larger, more expansive library on the Homestead land during the March 2015 election.
A warrant article giving the Homestead property to the Library
You got 51%....you need 60%.....lessen the cost....perhaps do some one on ones with businesses in town for employees....portable computer....power point presentations.....camp outside of Shaws -Joes - the School - athletic contests.....educate, educate, educate.....BUT go where the towns folk are!
Nothing should be done! Fix what we have. We spend enough on taxes for very little in return.
Article to place library on homestead property
Options! Put different options on the table for taxpayers to vote on. Make sure town employees are on board with plans set forward. Most I talked to were not in favor of presented plan. Take department heads and elected officials

out of the mix and use a committee of builders, architects, employees and taxpayers with a predetermined amount so as the buildings can be completed all at once or in a series of steps towards completion.

Budget

I felt the arguments, or assumptions, were in favor of article 7. If the Police and Fire needs were as presented and the Library needs too are well know then the failure to pass was in the selling process. When logic is on your side and you fail to convince enough people then you need to regroup and do a better selling job.

LISTEN to the voters. DO NOT put the Police/Fire at the entrance to a neighborhood and so close to Atlantic Ave. Many safety issues!! They would be better on Rt. 1.

Get rid of the feeling given by the Select Board that they know what's best for "us" and our opinion doesn't matter.

Have clear details on how the building(s) would look. The "renderings" were ugly buildings. Atlantic was flat!!!!

From beginning it all felt rushed, pushed down our throats.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY OTHER FEEDBACK THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE REGARDING ARTICLE 7, THE TOWN CAMPUS, THE NEW LIBRARY, THE ELECTION OR THIS INCREDIBLY LONG WINTER! THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT -- IT IS ALL VALUED AND APPRECIATED!

In order to pass library/town campus.... are all parents with children registered to vote? Are you reaching the right demographic for positive voting results? How many people are registered to vote in North Hampton verses how many people voted?

The final design was more than we need. I would love a new library with space for group gatherings, but we don't need a whole new town campus. It felt like we were trying too hard to keep up with Rye, or someone was getting carried away with ideas spending other peoples money...like the super-sized greenhouse burden we now have.

The town of North Hampton had an infrastructure that is too expensive for a town our size. We should be sharing resources with Rye or Hampton, especially fire. Until something is done to significantly alter (read reduce) the tax structure in our town, we will struggle with getting a new library.

It was a sleazy trick hitching anything onto the new library issue.

I am delighted that North Hampton voted it down. "

I heard [REDACTED] speak at the PAL mtg. He was awesome. He clearly laid out the facts in a non-defensive way and had a really nice way About him. I wish everyone could have heard Paul speak. I can't believe it didn't pass and wasn't aware that a 3/5 yes vote was required. I don't understand that part.

Lower the price, change the financing terms, remodel parts and leave the Alden Street neighborhood alone. Most will agree something needs to be done. Proceed reasonably!

" Thought you ran a great campaign. I was sorry it didn't pass. Like our first attempt at fixing the school - once scaled back, it worked. I am hopeful the town came come up with Plan B and we can try again.

Lots of hard work by MANY people - thank you!"

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I thought the drawings of what the campus would look like and function were not well done and left questions as to what exactly we would be left with. In most of the drawings the library looked especially large and I wonder if that put some people off

" Everyone deserves thanks and kudos for the effort put in over the past eight month period.

There were so many changes for a while that it was confusing, especially as it was impossible to see the small print identifying interior spaces. Now that there's a plan, the job is to sell it as is or with minimal positive tweaks.

The 200+ people who vote no on just about anything will always be there. It's getting more people to the polls who vote yes.

The financial data presented in favor of a new campus did not take into account capital improvements that would be needed over the 20 years proposed. It seemed as if the comparison was apples to oranges.

The library IS and should be the center of our Town. It is a gathering place where everyone in Town is welcome. Young, old, or visiting from out town - all gather here. The space is outdated and too small. The way a town treats it's library says a lot about the town. I hope we can either build a new library or renovate the current one very soon.

The fact that the Safety Complex was designed to be 40 percent larger than the current building for a very stable population (i.e. minimal growth) cannot be justified by saying it was driven by ADA compliance.

" I am sorry it didn't go through. I thought it was a sad, sad day for the town.

Don't give up!"

You all made a tremendous effort!! This survey is a great idea and I hope it helps get the complex, including the

library, built next year. Thank you for all of your time!
My disappointment is not feedback, but i don't know what to do . . .
I think the library should be a seperate building and thus be a seperate vote from the rest of the town campus
Come up with an intelligently designed facility for each of police and fire/ems that will have room for renovation and expansion well into the future - located on route one and not in a residential /historic area.
build the library on vacant lot/" " homestead" " property and have a town offices in the renovated police dept or library with a nice green space and adequate parking and access all around."
" This is the 1st time that this type of article was brought before the town for a town complex. In 1996 when the large school renovation finally passed it was the 4th time. Things changed along the way and it took some major final changes for it to pass. In 1996 we took out the science lab and restroom renovations. It chopped significant money from the total cost. We just recently passed a school article and completed the above work and other items this passed year.
For the town complex to make a 2nd run the town fathers have to be on board with the process and lead the way. If the town fathers are not willing to lead as a unified group then I don't believe it will work.
for"
Don't think the library should have to raise half of the funds. If it's a town project, it should be funded by taxes not fundraising just like the police and fire station... Too elaborate a project for the current distressed financial times
" I voted against the project because I don't think the police dept. should be rewarded for not doing their job. Speeding, motorcycles with clearly altered or missing exhaust systems, and other violations are ignored and no one goes thru the town in fear that they will be stopped for any infraction.
I voted against the project because the fire department makes up excuses to take out their trucks. They should be issuing a daily activity sheet online so their salaries and requests for all types of gadgets can be evaluated.
I voted against the project because hard copy books are becoming obsolete especially with the younger people in town. We don't need to build an expensive facility to provide after school care for our children; it is the responsibility of the parents."
All of these studies and charettes cost taxpayer dollars and nothing is done with the results. If upgrading existing facilities is as expensive over the years as the defeated proposal, then we are throwing more money away. I don't think there needs to be any more studies or different proposals. If updating is necessary, then we have all the plans we need. If given a choice as a voter, I would not vote to pay for any more studies or any more architectural presentations. We've done all that over and over again.
You are the only questionnaire I have ever seen that strongly agree was the lowest number and disagree was the highest. Any results you publish I won't believe because people will not read it tht and place their answer in the wrong place!
It seems that many folks who are wishing for a big, fancy library are those who came from more densely populated places where big, fancy libraries are the norm. I'd like to remind them that they've chosen a smaller town for certain benefits that it offers and they need to accept what they might consider to be drawbacks along with those benefits. Or they could move to Exeter, Portsmouth, or Newton, MA, perhaps!
I will not vote for a town campus. Fix the fire department. Give the ladder truck to a community that needs it. Build a new library. Move the town offices to the existing library after renovations. The result will be plenty of room for everyone. Please work on town employee pensions. It is out of control. Find ways to spend less of our money.
I feel that the design for Article 7 was hijacked by a group that ignored input from a variety of sources, citizens of the town, town employees and outside contractors hired to advise on the process. Hopefully the election results serve as a wake up call and perhaps the newly elected members of town government can look back at the work that has been done and come up with a better plan.
Thank you so much for the time and effort that the library committee has put in over the past several years- you are fully appreciated- I am sorry if you are disappointed that article 7 didn't pass- I think it will, when adjustments are made to the plan and the funding of the library-
Enough said, without being redundant.
Good Luck! North Hampton. Most of my thoughts are expressed above.
" Didn't we just remodel the town hall. why do we have to tear that down.Couldn't the new " " Campus" " be buillt somewhere else and reuse the building we have?
I LOVE OUR TOWN. I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AND HAVE WATCHED OUR TOWN TURN FROM FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE TO FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. I HAVE TO SEND MY CHILD TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL BECAUSE THE NORTH HAMPTON SCHOOL IS FAR TOO LIBERAL FOR ME. THERE ARE MANY TIMES I HAVE GONE TO OUR LIBRARY ONLY TO LEAVE AND GO OVER TO HAMPTON BECAUSE THE OFFERINGS ARE SLIM AND THE LIBRARY RECEIVES AN F FOR THE LACK OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR OUR TOWN. TAKE A VISIT TO THE

ATKINSON, NH LIBRARY - THIS IS HOW OUR LIBRARY SHOULD BE AND I WOULD BE WILLING TO PAY FOR THAT. THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE FINE. I AM HAPPY WE HAVE FEMALE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS, HOWEVER WE DON'T NEED TO BUILD ADDITIONAL BATHROOMS TO ACCOMMODATE THESE WOMEN. THEY ARE TOUGH LADIES TO BE IN THE POSITION THEY ARE IN. HAVING A PRIVATE BATHROOM IS A LUXURY. OUR TOWN HALL WAS RECENTLY UPDATED AND MANY DEPARTMENTS ARE ON THE SECOND FLOOR. LET'S KEEP OUR TAX INCREASES TO A MINIMUM SO THAT WE HAVE MONEY TO SPEND ON THINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY!
The Library should now chart its own course completely separately from the Town administration, which has proven itself to be unreliable. Get the Library's design finalized. Get the fundraising well along the way to success, and take your proposal to the voters -- whatever that proposals ends up being.
We would have voted yes had the police department been planned to locate at far East location and not bordering Alden, a quiet protected community with people walking, walking pets, and children playing and riding bicycles; the current plan would be unsafe and disruptive. Put the library on Alden and move the Police station farthest east and we will vote YES!!!
I understood and feel the public service facilities (police and fire) are in need of improvement to best plan for the safety of the residents. I do not believe a town of 4500 people needs a library to the extent of which was proposed. I did not have confidence the library would be built to suit the future demands of the technology-driven community-centric facilities. While community centers are vital to prosperity of towns similar to North Hampton, a "community campus" to the extent of what was proposed was/is unnecessary. I voted in favor of this to give the police and fire the updates/upgrades that are necessary- not to build a town library which will most likely be outdated within five years of it being built.
Unfortunately we winter in Florida so we were unable to vote. We forgot to get absentee ballots. However, the town needs new facilities.
Some feedback heard was there is a lack of trust with the selectmen.
The town campus is a big plus to the community "
I don't recall seeing an amortization schedule or total cost of loan.
I don't think I've ever seen wording on a ballot that is clear and easy to understand.
I felt that those voting " No" simply didn't take the time to consider all the facts and were in denial with respect to the condition of the Town infrastructure.
I think the Dan Brown donation should have been publicized prior to the vote. I think if folks knew that there was large private backing, it makes it easier to vote for the project.
We need a new library and community center. We need more computers, public meeting places and audio/visual capabilities. We could make our town a model for the 21st century. Unfortunately we are stuck with 1950s/60s facilities for the school, library, and town offices.
With respect to the library -- if you build it, they will come!"
The outreach and information sharing by the TA, Select Board, library trustees, etc. was excellent – yet at the same time a bit of a hard sell. The cost and tax impact was probably the number one reason Article 7 did not pass (we feel burdened by the costs and expanding power of our federal government right now), but the number two reason may have been that it seemed like the SB and administration were pushing too hard for this plan. It became associated with particular individuals rather than with a general sense that this is something we need to do for our commonly owned and maintained property. If the library makes significant progress in raising half their funds this year, I think that will make a difference in the outcome of another vote.
██████████ and Town Officials did an excellent job of trying to put this forward...now, we will need to take a different approach in order to get this passed next year. Passed meeting all the needs and planning for future needs, yet working on that budget number.
I appreciate all the work that was done in an effort to make this a community that we are all proud to make our home. Continue to reach out. Change is hard, but it will come. Don't give up!
If a bond article passes, I would prefer to have the payments spread equally throughout the life of the bond. Although frontloading the payments may reduce the total cost to the town, most people won't be here for the 30 years. Making the payments equal means that anyone living here for the 30 years not only enjoys the new facilities but they also share equally in the cost.
Please fix south road and enforce no trucks unless local delivery or change road to no trucks at all.
use the local tv 22 more
I think there needed to be a discussion about the level of services that the town of North Hampton needed before we addressed the buildings for the service providers.

Also feel that the Police and Fire facility does not need to remain in a residential setting, and should be moved to a more responsible location such as route 1.
I did vote for the article but was happy that it did not pass. I only voted yes to get a new library and because I realized the value of the low interest rates. I hope that we can take this opportunity to present a plan that better addresses what the citizen of North Hampton need.
where was all the money to do this project coming from?? Please advise and thank you..
North Hampton is a small town that has failed to address issues that affect the people that deserve the most attention. Those people that aren't part of the beautiful people class. Those people that want sidewalks, not bike paths. Those people that believe that the library is far more central to developing community than an obscenely overpriced fire station and police station. This town could move to a volunteer only fire department. The first priority of the town should be the installation of a sewer system. This would prove to residents like me that the town is not classist. The reality of the opposition to sewer is simple - we don't want "those people" living in our town. We don't want apartments. We don't want condos. In other words, we want to buy up all the land under the guise of conservation, when in reality all we want to do is keep out the less desirables....I see through it, as do many. Sewer and library should be the town's top priority. Then school. Then sidewalks. Then roads.
We need this new complex. Keep pushing and eventually it will pass, hopefully before construction costs spike and we overpay for it (like North Hampton has a history of doing). Renovating is not an option...we are spending money to put lipstick on a pig, particularly when looking at the fire department!
I am not a fan of all parking being in the back. A minimum amount in the front/side makes the building appear more accessible and inviting for quick drop-ins. Front drives allow for easy drop-offs. Agree that bulk of parking should be in rear and out of sight, but not all. No cars makes building seem closed.
The police in this town treat the parents picking up at school like criminals. If they treated us like the decent law abiding citizens that most of us are, maybe we'd be more likely to support new space for them.
Most children in town hear their parents disparaging the police because of their offensive and overly strict enforcement of their policies regarding pulling into the school parking lot. They are loosing the respect of the community (even the children) and no one feels any safer.
I am very glad what we have some new members on all of the boards.
1) Consider a new location, perhaps route one would be good 2) Consider resident input
'Campus' is too big and contrary to the small town nature of North Hampton. There should be other, better alternatives that combine remodeling and maybe adding one new building. In past years, some alternatives were proposed, that combined or connected the buildings.
This is a small town and it probably will not grow much in population in the years to come. Some people are fairly wealthy here, so added taxes are not a problem for them. The 'Campus' looked like something that you would find in a city. Let's look at some 'reasonable' alternatives.
The design looked like it came from Eastern Europe in the Communist era. Try for a small-town New England style.
It's time for this to happen- my wife and I have young children in this town and we are very sad that this did not pass. We envision ourselves growing older, and continuing to care about the school, the town, the police despite having children moved on. I hope others who have kids gone are still willing to invest in the infrastructure of this wonderful place.
My reasons for voting NO: 1. Taxes: \$.50 per thousand, currently over \$10k last year. a. Tax burden has increased 25% last 2.5 years b. Tax impact on property sale c. Incremental increases for years to come. 2. Scale: Pictures do not depict true elevations, 6-8 feet elevation change next to library alone. a. Adding height due to raising Alden Ave. b. Visually dominating 3. Fire Station Layout and efficiency. a. Increased response times, Fire Chief says we can 'manage it'... b. 90 degree turn exiting safety building c. Should be 'pull-thru' design, regardless of public outcry. d. Backing Safety issues of fire trucks

4. Future Costs to taxpayers:
 - a. New fire equipment and Engines
 - b. New Police Cruisers
 - c. Natural Gas lines
 - d. New technology and security
 - e. Additional Headcount
 - f. Ongoing Building Upgrades
5. Library Fundraising shortage
6. Lack of effective Town Leadership
 - a. Lack of Challenging Budgets (Fire, Police, Town)
 - b. Reducing headcount (Fire, Police, Town)
 - c. Reducing Salaries (Fire, Police, Town)
 - d. Reducing Healthcare costs (Fire, Police, Town)
 - e. Over Leveraged for the future
 - f. Taxes!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GO FOR IT AGAIN!!!!

thanks to all of you for your time and efforts. i heard people talking about not liking the new fire station positioned up high as this would affect the trucks coming out of the station and also how it was turned so the trucks couldn't come straight out onto Atlantic Ave. I think this all happened so fast and was hard for people to absorb all of the info; some people told me that they felt like people were trying to push them along with their decisions too quickly.
Again, thanks!

Seems like if you looked at the numbers it all made sense if you believed in the numbers. Not sure what can be done about anyone not having faith in the source of the info.

Our female police officers do not even have any privacy. isn't there laws about that?

I am disappointed it failed by such a narrow margin. Shows how well the town officials presented it.

I hope the selectmen and the committees can stay on the same direction and try this again with police, fire, and town admin.

I didn't appreciate the threats we were sent in the mail, if we did not vote to approve. It felt like we were being strong armed. Our roof leaked and our windows needed replacing, which we did - we did not tear down our home to make the necessary repairs. We are a small town with increasing taxes, and this would have a severe impact on property taxes.

Also the town just spent over a million dollars of our tax money to block development on the post road property to keep it as conservation land.

LIBRARYS ARE OUT DATED FOR A REASON. THE USE HAS GONE DOWN 10 FOLD SINCE THE INTERNET AND LARGE BOOK STORES WHY SHOULD THE TAX PAYER SUPPLY BOOKS FOR ALL PEOPLE. THE GENERAL POPULATION SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THERE OWN THINGS.. REDUCE TOWN COSTS AND REDUCE TAXES I HOPE THIS MAKES SENSE

I live across the street from the police station and would LOVE to see this complex built

In North Hampton there are family's and elderly who are having problems paying property taxes now and for anything that increases taxes I am not in favor of.

I think the town needs a new campus both from an operational prospective and as an enhancement to the services we can provide. The library is the center of that sense of community. I have recently moved here from Portsmouth and North Hampton is missing a sense of community. It is a very polarizing community right now.

1. At the acquisition of the lot to the west of the library at the corner of Alden Rd, the voters understood that the acquisition was for the use of the Library. I feel it was underhanded and wrong of Town Government to reverse that understanding and attempt to take over that property for the "Town Campus"

2. Regardless of the fact that there is a pretty clear need to upgrade facilities, you cannot extract blood from a stone, and I believe the tolerance of the citizenry at large for large scale municipal projects is very low. Many more people are struggling financially than it may seem, and the project seemed to be something of a free-spending situation. Also, from talking to others, I believe there was a fear of the building of a "palace" like they were saddled with in Stratham.

3. I grew up in a town of similar size and makeup to North Hampton. They did a similar project, but with the school. It nearly ruined the Town. The school had a fabulous, modern, huge new building, and they lost accreditation within five years, having previously been one of the top middle-high schools in the state. Why? They spent so much on the

building there was nothing left to pay quality teachers, buy books, science supplies, etc. Thus I am suspicious of projects such as this to begin with.

Thank you for this survey. It is good to see that an effort is being made to understand where the citizens of North Hampton stand.

Perhaps the economy being so poor, people are simply afraid to have any increase in their property taxes? I had that concern, but as I decided that even if I were to move out of town in a few years, the new facility, at a very low bond rate, would add to the value of my property. That waiting raised the cost and that sooner rather than later we would be forced to do this project. The maintenance cost on the existing buildings, the fact that we cannot purchase a new ladder truck that will fit in the existing fire building, the lack of ADA compliance, the bathroom issues in the police and fire depts are deplorable. The old building was a poor design, it's not going to serve the town for more than a few years more and then we'll end up paying more for the same needs.

I'm very disappointed in my fellow citizens that they lack the foresight to see the urgent needs of the town.

I would have supported a new library, but i think that what was proposed was way too much. I don't feel that the Town population has grown enough to warrant such a large complex.

Clearly, the American economy is struggling and as informed & concerned Americans we know the next 3 years is a tightrope on a national scale like we've never seen in our time... and this is not a time to 'tax and spend' but just the opposite. Be wise, prudent and stay aware of our national problems for they could impact our town more than we'd ever dare to fear~

Selectmen and Town Administrator can be supportive but should be more impartial. Don't drink the Cool-aid! They should not be cheerleaders for a particular plan or approach.

In the 40+ years I've lived in North Hampton, I've observed that the town almost always votes significantly in favor of town and school spending articles...they are not cheap! Article #7 failed because the process was flawed.

Thank you for putting together a survey - let's get this done already!

I watch a lot of the Selectboard meetings on the Town Streaming website. (and, by the way, the sound is TERRIBLE and filming of those is obviously done by someone asleep at the wheel). I have the impression that most of the discussion and planning for this project by the selectboard was held in those all too frequent worksession meetings that are not recorded. Those meetings should be recorded and available to those of us who cannot attend the worksessions. Until then, I believe those worksessions are just another way to circumvent the openness with which government should be conducted under 91A.

Let's put together a Warrant Article that gives the tax payers a choice..

1.) Town Complex 6 million

2.) If #1 does not pass are you in favor of building a new library on the Homestead Property

I felt the Selectboard assumed Article 7 would pass, and therefore did not truly explore the alternatives. I had the sense of a "dog and pony" show from the beginning of the entire "Town Campus Campaign. I know that myself, as well as others felt as though the project was being marketed by the selectboard far too aggressively.

I would like to know why the Stone Building was not renovated to comply with safety standards, even though the money has been appropriated for over two years...

You just miscalculated on where the average town family was in the recovery AND I don't know how many senior citizens there are in town on FIXED INCOME.....but they are a big, big factor

Good Luck

letter was excellent.....you have lost a good town Selectman!

Find 10 and have them write letters!

Send out to connect with townfolk in places where they don't come to him....he goes to them.

Read the economy better!

15 years later just be done! Fix what we have and move on....

There has to be a location on route one to put at least the police. I think them and if necessary the fire should be in that area.

Perhaps the fire department, police department and school staffing could be cut, maybe a hiring freeze. Those benefits are costing us a lot of money. We really have no services other than fire, police and schools. Private trash pick-up is quite costly. We should concentrate on a transfer station. The town must be picking up new value every year due to new construction projects. We pay good money for a part time assessor and given the fact Vision did not

visit nor review every property for accuracy there's probably plenty of value out there not on the books. I understand [REDACTED] was involved in exploring bringing economic development to town. We should pursue that avenue. We should also be taxing utilities in our town at their market value, not depreciated net book cost. It seems like everything lately revolves around personal agendas, studies and spending.

Thank you for all of your work in this critical issue.

Extremely disgusted with the appointment of Mr. Golden to the Budget Committee. A reminder that voting in a small community is almost worthless. Politics as usual. A person gets voted off, for a reason and his friends can just re-appoint him? This is exactly why I do NOT run for office in this small community. Other people should have been utilized rather than those that lost. Apparently the will of the people doesn't matter in North Hampton.

A new Library is definitely needed. Go back to why there was strong support to buy the Homestead Property when voters thought it would be for a new Library. Police Station was built for them to have upstairs and down. Do that! Improve Fire Station, even build a new bay on side by Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Building. Town Adm as a separate building about where current Lib is.

Will there be a report published on the results of this survey?